

THIS ISSUE

We're sending you this abbreviated issue of the AJ News (January 2018) so that we can make the next issue (February/March 2018) extra special! Both Purim and Pesah fall in the last days of February and March respectively, and we want to make sure that you have all of the information you need to make the most of the holidays! Look for an extra-long issue to arrive at the beginning of February that details AJ's plans for Purim and Passover. In the meantime, you can see a teaser of Purim on the back cover.



The Remains of Hanukkah

By Rabbi Rachel Kobrin

Hanukkah is now in the past, and yet we are still in the midst of the cold and dark part of our year. While the holiday itself is over, I want to share some final thoughts about light and darkness, because the ideas remain pertinent.

Throughout Hanukkah, I sent candle lighting meditations to our community. On the 8th night, I wrote a piece about publicizing the miracle of Hanukkah, which I later adapted as my own thoughts became more clarified. I share it again today, after Hanukkah, in the hopes that we will be open to the essence of the message — sharing and working toward hopes and dreams is an important aspect of being alive. The flames of Hanukkah have burned out and won't be rekindled until next year, but we still have opportunities to spread our love, our kindness, our vision — May we continue to spread this essential light!

What was the miracle of Hanukkah? Was it that a small band of people was victorious over a larger army? Or was it that the oil lasted for eight days? Maybe it was neither. Maybe the true miracle was that one person was brave enough to have a dream and act on it. One person, in the midst of a terrible battle, hid a vial of oil and dreamt that the Temple would be rededicated again. One person didn't let fear prevent action.

When we light Hanukkah candles, we are taught by our rabbis to light them outside of our doors, or in our window, so that we can publicize the miracle. We thereby bring more light into the world and we publicize the notion that our dreams have value, and that together we can work to make them real.

This year, I've been thinking about all of the menorahs I've seen on Facebook. Does posting a picture of our candles on Facebook count as publicizing the miracle — and are we then exempt from the obligation to put the candles in the window? Will the dining room table suffice?

In the Talmud, in Tractate Rosh Hashanah, the rabbis ask the following question: If a person blows a shofar into a pit or a cistern, is the sound kosher? They decide it is not,

for fear that one would merely hear the echo and not the true sound.

So too, I believe, this holds true for our candles. While pictures on Facebook are lovely and joyful to see, they are also an echo. Really publicizing the miracle means enabling people to see the original light from the street. Pictures are wonderful — and yet seeing the authentic light inspires us to dream our own authentic dreams. Walking and seeing a menorah in a window reminds us that we are not alone. That others in our very neighborhood our dreaming too.

Do we experience this same sense of connection over social media? With people living so far from one another, and fewer people walking on the street, I could argue, "Yes — and even more so." Putting those photos on Facebook enables people feel less alone. And the pictures last — while the flames themselves do wane. And yet, I think there is still unique value in seeing the original flames. In an age where fewer people are walking on streets and seeing candles, and people are lighting at different times — maybe not when anybody is outside — one could certainly argue that posting photographs on Facebook is the most efficient and impactful way to publicize the light of Hanukkah.

On this last night of Hanukkah, may our hearts be opened by the candles in the window and the candles on the Internet. And may we be inspired by that one vial of oil and the brave soul who dared to allow a dream to motivate action and shift the reality.

What can we do, in this month of January, when we no longer have a menorah in our window or on Facebook, to remind our communities of the importance of our dreams? How can we publicize goodness, as a way of inspiring goodness in our country and our world? Maybe this means forwarding inspiring articles, or posting inspiring stories or pictures on Facebook. Maybe it means putting signs with positive messaging on our lawns. Maybe it means looking back on those Facebook menorah pictures from time to time, in order to hold the light. However we do it, may we continue to remind ourselves that we have the capacity to dream big and act on our aspirations, bringing more glowing warmth to our world. 🕯️

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Service Schedule

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2018 14 Tevet 5778
MONDAY MORNING
 • Chapel Service9:00 AM

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SHABBAT SHEMOT

January 5, 6, 2018 19 Tevet 5778
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:31 PM

FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat5:30 PM
 • In-Town Shabbat7:30 PM

SATURDAY MORNING
 • Chapel Service9:30 AM
 • Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah4:40 PM

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SHABBAT VAERA

January 12, 13, 2018 26 Tevet 5778
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:38 PM

FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat5:30 PM

SATURDAY MORNING
 • Joint Service with Beth Sholom at AJ9:30 AM
*Challah for Hunger Shabbat, featuring
 Challah for Hunger CEO, Carly Zimmerman*

• Havurah Service.....10:00 AM
 • Tot Shabbat10:45 AM
 • Tribe Shabbat (K-6)10:45 AM
 • Hazzan's Tischfollowing services

SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah4:45 PM

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ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

January 16, 17, 2018 1 Shevat 5778
WEDNESDAY MORNING
 • Chapel Service7:00 AM

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SHABBAT BO

January 19, 20, 2018 4 Shevat 5778
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:46 PM

FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat5:30 PM

SATURDAY MORNING
 • Chapel Service9:30 AM
 • Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah4:55 PM

SHABBAT BESHALAH

January 26, 27, 2018 11 Shevat 5778
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:54 PM

FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat5:30 PM

SATURDAY MORNING
 • The Shabbat Experience at Beth Sholom...9:15 AM
 • Family Service10:45 AM
 • Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah5:05 PM

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SHABBAT YITRO

February 2, 3, 2018 18 Shevat 5778
Light Shabbat Candles.....5:03 PM

FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat5:30 PM

SATURDAY MORNING
 • Chapel Service9:30 AM
 • Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah5:10 PM

DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday9:00 AM
 Monday and Thursday7:20 AM
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday7:30 AM
 Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday)7:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

Monday through Thursday7:00 PM
 In the month of January, Monday through Thursday evening services will be at AJ at 7:00 PM. In the month of February, Monday through Thursday evening services will be at Beth Sholom (BSC) at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN

In Januaryat AJ at 7:00 PM
 In February.....at Beth Sholom at 7:00 PM

TOT SHABBAT SERVICES on selected Shabbat mornings

JR. CONGREGATION (THE TRIBE!) on selected Shabbat mornings

Share the Sponsorship of an Extended Kiddush!

What a wonderful way to celebrate on a Saturday afternoon!

Do you have a birthday, anniversary, or a bar or bat mitzvah anniversary coming up? Sponsor a kiddush for any special occasion, or just because!

Contact Robert Friedman at 215.635.6611, ext. 112 for more information.



Lunch and Learn Noontime Torah at AJ Tuesdays, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

The Rabbinical Assembly—Mid-Atlantic Region invites you to join us weekly at noon for the study of Torah. A rabbi and other like-minded individuals await you to engage in exciting discussion and thoughtful analysis of the weekly Torah portion or other stimulating topic. Each class is self-contained so you can plug in at any given week. Bring your lunch and a Bible; drinks will be provided. All are welcome. For more information or a list of other locations, call AJ at 215.635.6611 or the main coordinating office of Rabbi Gary Charlestein (610.239.6003). ^{aj}



AJ will be participating in **The Shabbat Experience** (TSE) program with Beth Sholom again this year. Over the course of the year, we'll use two Friday evenings, two Saturday mornings and two Saturday evenings to explore a topic in depth. This year, the theme is "Celebrate Good Times!" The program is designed so that all congregants, from our youngest to our most senior members, can participate.

The January session of The Shabbat Experience is on Friday evening, January 27 at BSC:

The Jewish Calendar: Tu B'Shevat: They Paved Paradise and Put Up a Parking Lot (Joni Mitchell, from Big Yellow Taxi). We're so excited to include the region's USYers to Adath Jeshurun and Beth Sholom for Mid-Winter Convention!



Like us on Facebook
and join our
community page!

What's Happening at AJ

january

5 IN-TOWN SHABBAT

Shabbat service for our Center City members. At the home of Andrea and Steven Selbst. 7:30 PM.

7 AJWA SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND BRUNCH

Join the AJWA Sisterhood as they honor Hazzan Glantz with the 5778 Torah Fund Person of Achievement Award. For more info, see page 9.



13 CHALLAH FOR HUNGER SHABBAT

Saturday morning services will highlight the Challah for Hunger organization and feature its CEO, Carly Zimmerman. 9:30 AM.



Challah for Hunger

15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

The synagogue office will be closed as the administrative staff cooks dinner for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House at 39th and Chestnut Streets.

15 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss *Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking: A Memoir of Food and Longing*, by Anya von Bremzen. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.



27 THE SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

Come to this joint Shabbat Service with Beth Sholom at Beth Sholom. This morning's topic is "Tu B'Shevat: They Paved Paradise and Put Up a Parking Lot." 9:15 AM

28 AJWA SISTERHOOD BRUNCH AND LEARN

AJ congregant Ossi Nussbaum will talk about *Jew vs. Jew: Religion-State Relations in Israel—A Country in Conflict*. See page 9 for more info. 10:00 AM

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10 HAZZAN'S TISCH

Singing, more singing and a little nosh. Sit at Hazzan's table (tish), sing and enjoy the melodies of Shabbat. Following Shabbat morning services in the Orleans Auditorium.

10 BETH SHOLOM/AJ PLAYERS PRODUCTION OF GUYS AND DOLLS



Come see your friends and neighbors in Beth Sholom/AJ Players production of *Guys and Dolls*! Show time is at 8:00 PM. For more info, see page 12.

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22 CHALLAH FOR HUNGER BAKE

Non-profit Challah for Hunger will work with our teens to teach challah baking while having an intensive program about hunger issues that plague our world, country, and local community. At Beth Sholom. 6:00 PM



23 CHALLAH MADE BY OUR TEENS FOR SALE!

Purchase at AJ (7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, in the Preschool office) or Beth Sholom.

23 IN-TOWN SHABBAT

Shabbat service for our Center City members. Information TBD. 7:30 PM.

25 COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL

At KI. Look for details in the February/March *AJ News*.

28 PURIM FESTIVITIES

At AJ. Look for details in the February/March *AJ News*.

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4 WORLD WIDE WRAP

The Men's Clubs of Adath Jeshurun and Beth Sholom bring to you the 2018 FJMC World Wide Wrap! At Beth Sholom. Stay tuned for details.

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9 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"

Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Oneg Shabbat follows. 6:15 PM



SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE!

AJ ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
Sunday Evening, June 3

honoring two outstanding people,
ED AND SHEILA CHACKER

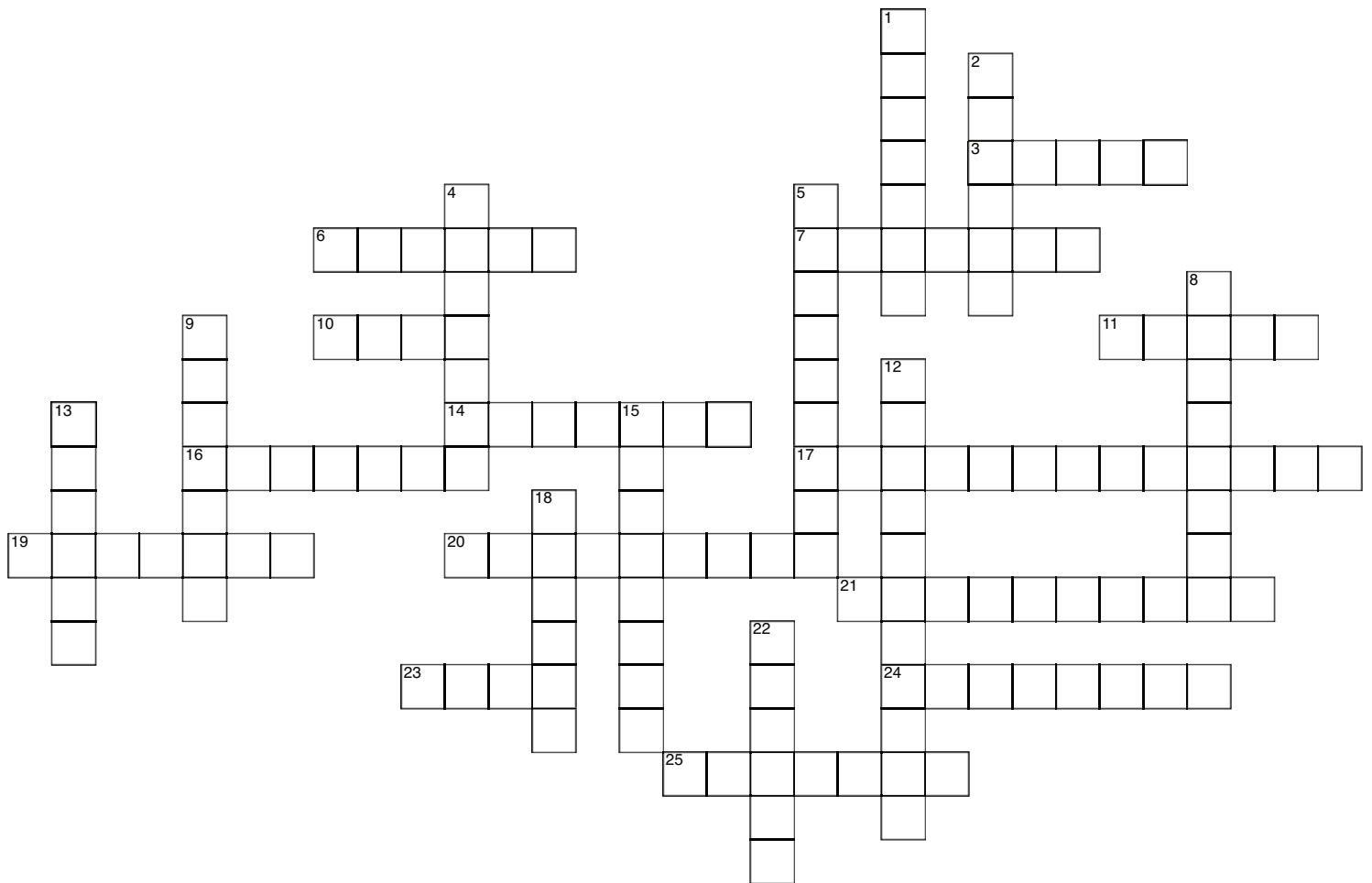
AND FEATURING
The Capitol Steps



Celebrating What Makes AJ Unique

By David L. Reibstein, President of Aday Jeshurun

In an effort to bring a little bit of levity to the President's column, please enjoy this crossword puzzle that has a distinctive AJ theme. I'm looking forward to seeing you in shul soon. 



ACROSS

- 3 Origin of word "synagogue" or as Casca proclaimed
- 6 Jewish afternoon service
- 7 This room name is also an Israeli ice cream maker
- 10 AJ annual fundraiser
- 11 AJ rabbi, 1910-1960
- 14 Lowest room in all of Aday Jeshurun
- 16 Conservative movement name in Israel
- 17 Has a wedding dress and an army uniform
- 19 Great food after _____ Attached
- 20 Active adult center at AJ
- 21 Added to the Amidah
- 23 Acronym for the Bernstein Torah Reading Academy
- 24 Stage-side social hall
- 25 Rest and keep holy

DOWN

- 1 New prayer space for the havurah
- 2 Wordless melody
- 4 Full acronym of 2004 merger congregation
- 5 Cross-street parking access
- 8 The _____ of Old York Road
- 9 Last AJ location was Broad & _____
- 12 AJ unique prayerbook
- 13 Elvis at the AJ cemetery
- 15 Time in famous Davidson composition
- 18 Prayer translation until 1865
- 22 Our homeland

You can find the answers on page 11.

Meet a Wonderful Family Who Could Use Our Help!

By Rabbi Carol Harris-Shapiro

Imagine living your whole life in another country and having to flee that country, only to find yourself in a worse situation. After several years of trying to find a safe haven, you come to America where you don't speak the language, don't understand the customs, and only get help for the first three months of your stay as a refugee from your sponsoring organization (the usual amount of time). Then, you are on your own to access help and navigate everyday tasks.

Beginning last summer, members of AJ have been involved in helping an Iraqi refugee family (they would prefer that their last name not be used) living in Northeast Philadelphia, about 20 minutes away from AJ. This lovely five-member family includes a mom of 74 years (Naheeda) and four adult children: Muhammed, Waleed, Achlam and Amid. After fleeing to Syria, and having to return to Iraq after Syria exploded, they finally made it here. They came over with no English about a year ago and have been working hard to learn the language and culture of the U.S. The youngest son is steadily employed, and is looking to improve his circumstances. They are warm, delightful, and very quick learners.

Some of us have helped with English tutoring, some have donated needed supplies, while others have driven the

family to doctor's appointments or helped to fill out the forms that are even puzzling to us native English speakers. As an example, they didn't even know how to get the heat turned on in their home, and it took our calls to their rental agent to schedule the landlord to come over and do this — calls which they couldn't make because of the language barrier. Without this kind of help, they still could be freezing in a home with no heat. What volunteers can do for them is vitally necessary for their well-being.

However, most of the work with this family has fallen to two persons only, and, given the needs of the family, this isn't sustainable. We really need a few good AJers to step up and make the commitment to help in person — as little as once a month could go a long way to meet their needs and help them get adjusted to the ever-confusing life lived in a foreign country with a foreign language.

Our sessions often include lots and lots of laughing together. Besides smiles and heartfelt thank-yous, you never leave their house without the delicious cake baked by "Mom." What could be better?

Please contact me (Carol) at harrishapiro@yahoo.com if you are interested in exploring this opportunity. 📞

Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

Come for services.
Stay for an Oneg Shabbat!

February 9:
6:15 - 7:15 PM

Other Strings Attached
Dates in 5778:
Mar. 16, Apr. 13,
Apr. 20, and Apr. 27



DOES YOUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE NEED MORE FUN?

Come play Mah Jongg and meet new friends!

We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM–12:00 noon in Room 10.

January dates: 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

For more information, contact Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812 or gszekely3@comcast.net.

The AJMA Celebrates One of Its Own!

On Sunday, December 10, the AJMA honored Michael Goldberg at the FJMC Middle Atlantic Region 20th Man of the Year Dinner. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Bernie Dishler, Max Minkoff, Howard Izes, Robert Dromboski, Hazzan Glantz, Michael Goldberg, Elon Kaplan, Morey Smerling, Ted Radinsky, and AJMA President Adam Lieberman.



B'nai Mitzvah Dvar Torah Speeches

There are many wonderful aspects of being a rabbi. One of these is having the opportunity to study with each of our kids as they prepare to become a bar/bat mitzvah. We are excited to share with you the learning that our b'nai mitzvah students taught at their smachot in November and December. Their words are reflective of their learning and their unique perspectives. We hope you enjoy!

– Rabbi Kobrin

Tess Armon (November 11, 2017)

Thirty-six years ago, a young boy stood on the bimah at a synagogue. He read the haftorah Chayei Sarah for his bar mitzvah. The young boy who stood on the bimah 36 years ago is now a man. That man is my father. Thirty-six years ago, my dad began to count as a person in a minyan.

Now it is my turn. As I stand up here on the bimah today, I think about what it is like for him, watching his youngest child begin to count as an adult. Exactly 36 years ago his father and mother were in the same position that he is in now, watching their child grow up. Today is the 36th anniversary of his becoming a bar mitzvah, and 36 is a very important number. The concept of letters representing numbers and the numbers having meanings is called gematria. Eighteen means life in gematria, so if I am doing the math correctly, it is a second life. My Torah portion is called Chayei Sarah, which translates to the life of Sarah, but for my dad, it is the second life of this portion.

At the beginning of Chayei Sarah, Sarah dies. This is a play on words, because Chayei Sarah translates to the life of Sarah. Each parshah is named in honor of one or two of the first few words. However, in this parshah, the first few words are talking about how she had a long life and because of those few words, the portion was named Chayei Sarah. This is very misleading because it only talks about the death of Sarah. In fact, within only 20 verses of this parshah, death is mentioned seven times. In Judaism, the number seven is very symbolic, because it took seven days to create the world, so seven days is a full cycle. Throughout this parshah, there is marriage, birth, and another death, truly the full cycle of life. This parshah talks about so much, but I am only going to talk about one scene.

After Sarah dies, Abraham decides to purchase the Cave of Machpelah to bury Sarah. Efron, being the mensch that he is, decides to give away the land. However, Abraham

politely demands to buy the land at full price. Most people would have happily run away with that deal, but Abraham insists that he buy the land at full price. In ancient Judaism, when you do not pay full price it may be considered “Ona’at Mamon.” By “cheating” Efron, this might be considered a crime, because he has the money to pay full price, even though Efron offered to give away the land. He paid full price because he is burying the dead, and being deeply religious, he believes that he must pay full price for quite a few reasons.

First, Abraham is a good person, and he believes that he should not cheat a person by not paying full price. Of course, Abraham technically would not be cheating Efron, because Efron offered to give away the land.

Another reason that Abraham may have insisted on paying full price is because he is burying his wife. According to the Torah, burying someone is the supreme mitzvah. There are 613 mitzvot so that is really saying something. Burying a loved one is considered the highest mitzvah, or an unspoken duty, because it is helping others even through death. Burying someone is the ultimate mitzvah because you can never be thanked, which makes it a selfless gift. . . it is a sincere mitzvah if you do it yourself and truly is a wonderful thing. In Judaism, this means literally having shomrim (guards) to keep the dead company, as well as using a shovel to fill the grave. These are ways we honor the dead. Someone, one day, with their own hands, will bury you, and you should do the same for others. In my family, we call it paying it forward.

The ultimate kindness is to perform a mitzvah that pays it forward. . . in other words, doing something very kind for which you may never get thanked. In Midrash Rabba, which was written 2,000 years ago, the writers thought that paying it forward, specifically when Abraham paid full price for the land to bury Sarah, gave him honor and prosperity. Whenever you pay it forward by doing a mitzvah, it will give you honor and prosperity as well. Today, it is more commonly described as a warm, fuzzy feeling, but it still means the same thing. There are many examples of this in everyday life, such as donating to the Red Cross, but my favorite examples take place at Starbucks.

At just about any store, you can pay for the order of the person behind you. For example, at Starbucks, a person paid for the person behind her, and the person behind them paid for the person behind them, etc. This kept going on for 236 people, and then the last person thanked the person in front of him, and then decided not to pay for the person behind him, ending the generosity streak. A single person stopped the flow of kindness from one person to another, after it had gone on for a few days.

There is a quote saying that kindness is like skipping a stone. This is because you send a ripple, which creates

another ripple, and this continues for quite a while. In other words, kindness is contagious, and will send a ripple effect causing others to be kind.

Starbucks also has this thing where you can buy a “suspended” coffee. This means that you can buy a coffee and/or a hot meal for the homeless. Basically, a homeless person would walk into a Starbucks and ask if Starbucks has any suspended coffee. If someone had paid for a suspended coffee that day, the homeless person would leave with a warm, delicious coffee, and possibly a full stomach.

Another example is at Rosa’s pizza place in Philadelphia. Here you can buy a slice of pizza and pay an extra dollar. This dollar is given in exchange for a sticky note, on which you would draw a picture or write a short note. Your completed sticky note would be placed on the wall, where a homeless person could take a sticky note and exchange it for a fresh slice of pizza. In just a year, this pizza place has given away 14,000 slices of pizza to the homeless and that number is still rising.

Rambaum, a famous Rabbi, had an idea for a ladder of tzedakah/mitzvot. There are eight levels of tzedakah, or different ways to give, and he decided to sort the best way to give in order of the value behind that type of tzedakah. According to him, the best way to give is to help a person learn how to support themselves. By this, I mean teaching someone a skillset so that they can get a job, and not depend on you anymore. The other ways to do a mitzvah are variations of doing a mitzvah anonymously. This way, the person that you are assisting will not feel indebted to you, and it will make the recipient of your services feel less guilty for needing help. While the examples that I gave of tzedakah are not necessarily the best way to give tzedakah (according to Rambaum), giving tzedakah is better than nothing at all. Just like getting a 70 percent on a test may not be as good as an 80 percent or 100 percent, it is much better than 0 percent, and therefore worth doing.

There are 50 many examples, so many ways that you can pay it forward, in everyday life, through each level of tzedakah. You can do something as simple as donating your hair to make a wig for those with cancer. Or volunteering with the elderly. Or cheering up kids with cancer by working to create decorations for Sara Smiles. Or spending an extra dollar at Starbucks, or at Rosa’s pizza to help the homeless. In everyday life there are so many ways to pay it forward. . . and many of these acts do not require spending any money.

A wise person once said, “One good deed for a person in need makes it all worthwhile at the end of the day,” which could not be truer. Each time you do an act of kindness, it is a tiny ripple in an imaginary ocean. While that ripple may not seem like a lot to you, to the needy that ripple seems like a peaceful wave of kindness. My family, friends, and I have packaged and delivered boxes at the Jewish

Relief Agency, also known as JRA, for many years and we continue to deliver food packages to the needy throughout Philadelphia. A few weeks ago, I invited some friends to join me and go to JRA to package and deliver food. We did a good deed and expected nothing but satisfaction. However, whenever you go to JRA, the immense joy shown on the faces of strangers brightens not only their day, but our day as well. While you may have spent a few hours of time at JRA, the smile you imagine on the face of the recipient is priceless, and will make the whole event more than worth it. When you cause your own ripple, it does not have to take much time, effort, or money. All that ripple needs is a heart full of compassion and loving-kindness. Creating your own ripple is the most important thing you can contribute to your community. Whenever you are ever having a bad day, think back to the smile of a JRA beneficiary and create your own ripple of compassion. Trust me, you will not regret it. Shabbat Shalom.

Jessica Markov (December 16, 2017)

At a Jewish middle school in Washington, DC, there was once a group of girls called the Lavender Ladies. They were a group of friends — friends who weren't all that friendly to others. After middle school, they all went their separate ways. One of them became a rabbi. Years later, long after the Lavender Ladies stopped making snide remarks and rude faces at others in the halls, she met the father of a girl who had not been in the Lavender Ladies — she was one of their targets. He explained that they had pulled his daughter out of the school because of the Lavender Ladies. The former Lavender Lady realized that she had done something so bad that she had made a girl who she once considered a friend leave her school. She called the girl, she apologized, the girl replied with nice words. But her actions stuck with her. Every day, she tries to

figure out why she was a mean girl and how she can truly repent. And then she realizes that the goal is not only the end but the means as well — trying to repent, trying to make amends is what matters.

There's another story about bullying that's much more famous. There was a kid named Joseph who had eleven brothers. He was kind of stuck up. So his brothers sold him into slavery and told their father that he had died. He grows up, is freed, and then his brothers come to him when they are out of food and starving. He decides to test them. He puts a goblet in Benjamin's bag and orders him to stay while the others are permitted to leave. Why would he do something so cruel? Was he trying to get back at his brothers for their mistreatment of him by making them leave Benjamin, the same way they left him?

One possible reason is that he wanted his dreams to come true. Nachmanides, also known as Ramban, a scholar who lived in the 13th century, explains the possibility that Joseph wanted dreams that he'd had about his brothers to come true. When he sees his brothers, he remembers that he had dreams about them and his father all bowing down to him. However, not all of his brothers were there, and his father was missing as well. The only way he could accomplish this dream would be to have them all come to Egypt, where he had a lot of power and they would have to bow down to him. This is one of the less generous understandings of Joseph's actions.

Ramban additionally suggested that if he knew that his father was alive, he should have reached out to him. By not doing so, he caused his father further pain. His father has thought that Joseph was dead for many years, and instead of telling the truth, he makes his father wait and suffer longer.

However, there is a way to see Joseph as a good guy. There is a teaching in the Talmud in Masechet Sanhedrin that says that one has only repented when, given the opportunity to sin in the same way again, they do not. The example in the Talmud is gamblers who bet on bird flying. When they stop flying birds, we only know that they have really repented when they are given the opportunity to do it again — but do not. Joseph is trying to give his brothers another opportunity to sin in order to see if they are truly sorry for what they have done. He hopes that they have repented and changed because he doesn't want to keep holding on to his anger at them. If they leave Benjamin and hurt their father again, then he will know that they have not repented. Joseph is trying to let go of his anger at them by seeing if they have changed and are better people now. We know that they passed the test because they didn't make Benjamin stay. Judah, who had been the worst to Joseph, asks to stay in his place. This means that they are better people, and they know that what they did was wrong. We can do this with our lives as well. We can learn to ask for forgiveness, and we can forgive.

I began with the story about the rabbi who had been in the Lavender Ladies. After she got off the phone with the girl she had been mean to, she told her daughter what happened. She was trying to teach her daughter a lesson about kindness and about doing the right thing. One of the ways we repent is by realizing our mistakes and teaching others to act differently. This is the message that can be taken from my parshah and into the real world. **aj**

The AJ Preschool & Infant Center

Children continue to thrive at AJ's Preschool—making friends, learning skills, and having fun! Below are some snapshots from this past fall.





Measuring Success in JQuest B'Yachad

By Rabbi Stacy Rigler



I would like to reflect on our dedication to Jewish education and the two and a half years of JQuest B'Yachad. The vision was to create a new, multi-denominational Jewish community where Reform and Conservative students would engage in meaningful, intentional Jewish learning while putting student voice and choice at the center.

JQuest B'Yachad was founded on a new paradigm of Jewish learning articulated by Dr. Jonathan Woocher z"l in his work on "Reinventing Jewish Education for the 21st Century." Woocher argues that the new paradigm should:

- Help individuals become better human beings through inspirational experiences and the understanding of Judaism's big ideas or enduring understanding.
- Abandon the language of schooling and focus on ways to empower individuals to generate meaning, foster relationships, and become co-producers of their Jewish experiences.
- Collaborate and connect so that the formal and informal education blend together in the patchwork lives that our learners lead.

While the experts in Jewish education largely agree on the necessity of change in Jewish education (which also aligns with 21st century secular educational skills) I have become increasingly aware of the need to align our measurements of success with these new outcomes.

In the past, according to Woocher, learners were given facts and skills that would enable them to live an adult Jewish life. Today we know that in order to retain students in the Jewish faith we must focus on their social and emotional experience as learners, encouraging their connections to the community, as well as the content. We want the students to learn a lot, to have friends, and to have fun!

In recent years I have become keenly aware that the community agrees with the new goals, but the measures by which a community defines success are not always the same. For many, the measurement of success of a religious education comes down to the amount of Torah that is read at an individual student's b'nai mitzvah and the recollection of facts surrounding the Jewish holidays and Jewish history. This model, inspired by an educational system that measures learning in tests, has created increased dissatisfaction with educational programs. Social and emotional experiences are hard to measure, especially in a short amount of time. For others, the measurement of success is if their child likes to go to the educational program. Given that the programs are often on Sunday mornings or after school, the time alone can make this type of evaluation challenging. Complaints about attending an educational program at 9:15 on a Sunday morning, combined with learning that can't be immediately measured or described succinctly, can lead to a confusion about results and success.

At JQuest B'Yachad we have tried to measure our successes against our goals. We regularly survey the parents and students and ask them not only about their satisfaction but how we are doing in meeting our goals. We work with our teachers to be knowledgeable, reflective practitioners. We also test our students' Hebrew abilities and track them regularly. We then try to share our results broadly. I am proud to say that our survey data over the past two and a half years is exceedingly positive. More than 67 percent of our students report that they are happy or very happy when they come to JQuest. Seventy-five percent of our students have made new friends in JQuest. Parents report that they are satisfied or extremely satisfied with a majority of the curriculum elements and in our 6th grade Hebrew evaluations, students are able to pass a 75-question decoding test with over 97 percent accuracy.

As I reflect on Woocher's work five years after his article was published, two and a half years into our program, and 17 years into the 21st century, I can feel proud of our educational model. We are focused on inspiring the next generation of Jews through big ideas, we have abandoned the previous language of schooling and focus on ways that children can become co-producers of their Jewish experiences, and we collaborate and blend the formal and informal together.

Thanks to everyone in this community who supports this sacred work. 🕊️

Family and Youth Events Coming Up!

January 11: Challah for Hunger Bake.

At Beth Sholom, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Please RSVP to oyrprogramming@gmail.com.

January 12: Challah for Hunger Sale. At AJ, from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, in the Preschool office.

At BSC, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

January 12: Family Shabbat Dinner for K and 1st Grade. At Beth Sholom, at 5:30 PM.

January 13: Challah for Hunger Shabbat

Challah for Hunger's CEO, Carly Zimmerman, will be joining us to speak about the organization's impact on decreasing food insecurity, and what you can do to help! Challah samples will be provided. Begins at 9:30 AM.

January 13: Tribe Shabbat. Parents are encouraged to drop off children and attend main service. At AJ at 10:45 AM.

January 26–28: United Synagogue Youth Winter Convention.

Teens from other synagogues will come to AJ and Beth Sholom and join us for Shabbat.

February 9: Family Shabbat Dinner for 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade. Shabbat Services at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner. At AJ.

February 10: K–6 Services. Followed by Oneg. At AJ, at 10:45 AM.

February 22: Challah for Hunger Bake. At AJ, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Please RSVP to oyrprogramming@gmail.com.

February 23: Challah for Hunger Sale. At AJ, from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, in the Preschool office. At Beth Sholom, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

February 23: Family Shabbat Dinner for 2nd and 3rd Grade. Shabbat Services at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner. At Beth Sholom.

February 24: The Tribe. At Beth Sholom, at 10:45 AM.

February 28–March 1: K–6 Purim programming to be announced.

March 31: Tribe Shabbat. At Beth Sholom, at 10:45 AM.

Family and Youth Programming Questions?

Contact Sarah Lefkowitz at oyrprogramming@gmail.com.

Old York Road USY

GRADES 1–3 January 21: Bowling

GRADES 4–7 January 21: Bowling

GRADES 8–12 January 5–6: AJ/BSC Teen Retreat
January 26–28: Winter Kinnus

USY Questions? Contact Elyse and Brett at oyr youth@gmail.com.

AJWA Sisterhood

Co-Presidents: Amy Blum and Robin Minkoff



AJWA Sisterhood Annual Torah Fund Brunch!

Sunday, January 7, at 10:30 AM

**Honoring Hazzan Howard K. Glantz
as Our "Person of the Year"**

**With guest speaker
Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro**



AJWA Sisterhood Brunch and Learn with Guest Speaker Ossi Nussbaum

Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 AM

JEW VS. JEW: RELIGION-STATE RELATIONS IN ISRAEL A Country in Conflict

Israel is not a secular country and there is definitely no separation between religion and state. On the other hand, it is not a theocracy either. This talk will focus on the very complex relations between religion and state in Israel and the concept of "status quo" in that context. We will discuss the conflictual relationships that shape one of the deepest rifts in the Israeli society — the religious-secular rift — and explore the main controversial issues through the years. We will discuss how much Israel can really be a democracy when some freedoms are denied in the name of religion.

RSVP required by January 19. Send an email to ajwasisterhood@gmail.com or call Robin at 215.439.6711.

SAVE THE DATE FOR Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, March 10, at 9:30 AM

Would you like to participate in the AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat service? SAY YES!

We are pulling together the service and are currently organizing the parts. If you are an AJWA Sisterhood member (or would like to become one!) and would like to co-lead a Hebrew prayer or participate in an easy, small group English reading, please say so. We'd love for you to be included. If you are interested in participating, send an email to ajwasisterhood@gmail.com or call Mindy Goldstein at 610.506.0632 no later than Wednesday, January 31.

AJWA Sisterhood Ongoing Events and Causes

Join us for one or all of these AJWA Sisterhood-sponsored activities!

Yoga

For ALL levels of ability! Taught by Esther Goldberg, Certified Yoga Instructor.

Friday morning class 9:30 to 10:30 AM \$12 per class.

For more information on yoga, contact Esther Goldberg at yimesther@gmail.com or 215.676.8685. Walk-ins are welcome.

Robyn Orodener Book Club

A guided discussion group held on designated Monday nights at 7:45 PM in the Braemer Auditorium. Reading of the book is required! (Please note time change!)

January 15: *Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking: A Memoir of Food and Longing*, by Anya von Bremzen

February 26: *The Woman in the Castle*, by Jessica Shattuck

Questions or Interested in being a discussion leader?

Contact Liane Sher at 215.635.4613 or Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812.

Stitchers

If you are interested in learning about creating Judaic hand crafts, come be a part of "Stitchers." We are primarily stitchers, practitioners of the needle arts. No special experience is necessary. New learners are welcome.

Wednesday mornings, AJ Library, 10:00 AM to noon

For more information, contact Dr. Rita Altman-Weinberger, 215.627.4698 or altmanrc1@verizon.net.

Cook For A Friend

Cook For A Friend, a unique program that prepares meals for those in need, is in search of volunteers (a.k.a. friends) to cook. Cook For A Friend meets once a month on a weekday evening and once a month on a weekday morning.

Evening sessions Sandy Basicckes (215.782.8586)

Daytime sessions Sue Lawson (215.680.7112)

Laurel House Shelter and Domestic Violence Services for Abused Women and Their Children

For a list of needed items, go to laurel-house.org. Only new, requested items, please! NO gift-wrapped items, clothing, shoes or accessories. Please bring NEW items to the Braemer Auditorium coat closet and place in the box marked "Laurel House" or bring to any AJWA Sisterhood event.

Cooking at Ronald McDonald House

Join us to prepare meals for families staying at the House at Front and Erie Sts. Contact Judy Stutman Izes at 267.254.6633 or jpsizes@aol.com for more information.

College Connection

Surprise your college student with a taste of home! College students enrolled in the AJ College Connection Program will receive the monthly *AJ News* and enjoy holiday packages sent to school. Children of member families only.

Please send the following information to Sandra Goldberg at saglpt@aol.com or call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611: Student Name, School Address, Student Email Address, Parent Email Address and Expected Year of Graduation.



לזכר עולם In Remembrance

Anyone interested in perpetuating the memory of a loved one at AJ should contact the office for information at 215.635.6611. Yahrzeits of the following individuals will be observed as follows:

DECEMBER 31, 2017 to JANUARY 6, 2018

13 Tevet 5778 to 19 Tevet 5778

To be read on Friday, Jan. 5 and Saturday, Jan. 6



Joseph Abrams
Alice H. Alloy
Fannie Freed Alpern
Sgt. Morton Arinsberg
Isadore Aronson
Rebecca Barnett
Herman Baylson
Samuel Bekoff
Bella Bernstein
Annette W. Black
Adolph Bodine
Dorothy Saltzburg Brenner
Bennett Brown
Rose Corn
Pauline Deitch
Mollie Donsky
Norman DuBois
Rosalie Fabricant
Edna Feldman
Lillian Forbes
Sophie Frankel
Louis Freedman
Clara Gastman Friedman
Hannah G. Friedmann
Shirley K. Garfinkel
Fannie Wise Goodman
Maurice Greenberg
Henry Gross
Yetta Grossman
Karl Gruenwald
Alan G. Hunn
Ray Braude Jacobs
Harry Jeck
Pauline Kasser

Samuel Katz
Terrence H. Klasky
Nathan Kornstein
Marcia Krestal
Michael Kuh
Isadore Kushner
Rose Leventhal
Rosalia Melgin
Matilda Muchnick
Bertha Neff
Henry Odenheimer
Israel S. Promisloff
Ida S. Rachmell
Zipporah Rosenberg
Lester Rosenberger
Sophie Rosenblum
Helene L. Rosenzweig
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Harry A. Schnapp
Beatrice Sherman
Wolf Silberman
Dr. Maurice C. Sillman
David C. Sonnenfeld
Robert Stanek, MD
Abraham Strauss
Helene Strauss
Nathan Suzmer
Bessie Tessler-Rothstein
Anna M. Uliitsky
Abraham Weiner
Samuel Weiner
Theresa Wise

JANUARY 7, 2018 to JANUARY 13, 2018

20 Tevet 5778 to 26 Tevet 5778

To be read on Friday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13



Wolf Alkus
Pearl Elias Angel
Bette Appel
Charles S. Axelrod
Solomon Bacharach
Rose B. Baron
Meyer Bayuk
Ida Bee
Benjamin Berg
Samuel Berger
Julius C. Blankfield
Abraham Bolen
Samuel H. Bortner
Dora Braun
A. Louis Chamy
Joel Cohen
Joseph A. Daroff
Stanton Lewis A. Einhorn
Simon Faerstein
Ida Fleisher

Millie F. Friedman
Caroline Friedmann
Abraham Garfield
Theresa Garfinkel
Albert Gelberg
Henry Gichner
Benjamin Glass
George Goldstein
Gussie Goldstein
Lillian Goldstein
Samuel Hyman Goldstein
Svia Greis
Terri J. Guth
Carrie Loeb Harris
Gertrude Weiss Hirsch
Henry Hyman
Helen W. Jacobs
Richard V. Kirsh
Raymond Klein
Carrye Gradwohl Lam

Lea Landes
Sadye Lewis
Dora Lipman
Martha S. Maybaum
Pauline Metzman
Cecelia Miller
Sanders Newmayer
Sophia Oberfield
Harry Platt
Mortimer Rifkin
Max Rosen
Berthold Rosenberger
Blanche H. Rosenfelt
Goldie Reinhart Rosenthal
Samuel Rosenthal
Jacob D. Saltzman
Max Schader
Celia Schlein
Marvin R. Shackmaster

Arthur E. Shore
Nettie P. Shubert
Bess Sipler
Rose Slotnick
Daniel D. Solomon
William Spiegel
Vera Mandel Stein
Louis Stern
Regina Bacharach Strouse
Irwin Stup
Phyllis P. Sussman
Molly Tarshish
Irving Teplitz
Jerome Udell
Emanuel Wirtschaffer
August Wise II
Carrie Wise
Dr. Joseph S. Wohl
David A. Wolowitz

JANUARY 14, 2018 to JANUARY 20, 2018

27 Tevet 5778 to 4 Shevat 5778

To be read on Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20



Noah Arons
Dr. Henry Abrams
Max Amster
Hannah Ball
Sarah Rachel Bernstein
Albert Bloom
Kreney Brodsky
Betty Brody
Hilda Ceasar
Dr. Maxwell Cherner
Henrietta Dannenberg
Morton J. Dannenhirsch
David Davidson
Milton Falkenstein
Alice Feigenbaum
Abraham Freeman
Charles C. Fuller
Ida Rose Gassel
Martin T. Glass
Stanley Charles Glauser, MD, PhD
Louis Gluck
Julius H. Goldberg
William Goldhammer
Sam Gottlieb
Sophie Gross
Yetta Anna Halpern
Benjamin Heimerling
Herbert F. Hertz
Sarah Hyman
Paul Jacobs
Emil Jaffe
Dr. Leon Kacher
Fannie Kadane
Laibesh Katzner
Fanette Kornfeld
Margaret E. Kotzin
Stanton M. Kroungold
Dora Kutner

Melina Frechie Lam
Adolph Levy
Raphael Levy
Samuel Levyn
Jacob Loewenstein
Joseph London
Mina Marcus
Fannie Marmer
Rebecca N. M. Nathans
Jacob Poons Newman
Arnold Raynor
Fay Riegner
Rachel Robinson
Wolf Robinson
Ralph Bernard Roseman
Anna Rosenthal
Doris G. Rosenthal
Reuben Rosenthal
Tillie Rudolph
Irving M. Schepp
Louis Harry Schinfeld
Rebecca Schlesinger
Roslyn Schwartz
Samuel Sebotnick
Paul Silverman
Aida Simon
Maurice T. Sloane
Sarah Slonimsky
Harry Smith
Mae Stillman
Thomas Toretch
Joseph Turoff
Alexander Lyon Vogelsohn
Shep Waldman
Harry Weingast
Albert M. Wolf
Louis H. Young
Perle Russ Zinman

JANUARY 21, 2018 to JANUARY 27, 2018

5 Shevat 5778 to 11 Shevat 5778

To be read on Friday, Jan. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 27



Edith Aronson
Harris Aronson
Nelson Berger
Pauline Bloch
Nathan Blumenthal
Frances Copelin Bolno
Daniel B. Brandschain
Raymond Charles Brown
Michael Brylawski
Benjamin H. Buchsbaum
Katherine M. Buchsbaum
Minnie Cooper
Orion J. Freeman
Louis Friedman
Brenda (Bunny) Gekoski
Lena Gelberg
Stanley Gershman
Sima Ginns
Raphael Goldbacher
Bessie Goldberg
Esther Meadow Goldberg
Karen Goldman
Dorothy Goldstein
Ruth Goldstein
Sarah Goldstein
Matilda Goodman
Samuel Green
Rose Greenberg
Ellen J. Greenfield
Dora A. Gross
Julius A. Gross
Chana Hirsch
Eva Hoffman
Sydney Joseph
Sadona Katzen
Warren Howard Klein

Frances Judith Kleinman
Joseph Kligman
Adolph Koppelman
Menachem Mendel Mandel
Fannie Pollack Marcus
Ruth Margolis
Samuel N. Markowich
Julius Michel
Martha Moldawer
Gerson Oppenheimer
Jean Bertha Orgieffsky
Ellis Pecarsky
Jerome Portner
Herman Prager
Marcus Price
Lillian Reichman
Herman Robbins
Solomon Rogasner
Eleanor Sands
Anna Schlesinger
Bertrand Schneeberg
Caroline Esther Schneeberg
Philip Selbst
Mary Sherman
Pearle Sipler
Bella Politz Snyder
Samuel (Shmuel) Sussman
Harry T. Titman
Philip Veit
Samuel P. Verstein
Ruth R. Vigderman
Harry William Wachstein
Fannie Wirtschaffer
Carl H. Wolf
Fannie Wolf

JANUARY 28, 2018 to FEBRUARY 3, 2018

12 Shevat 5778 to 18 Shevat 5778

To be read on Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3

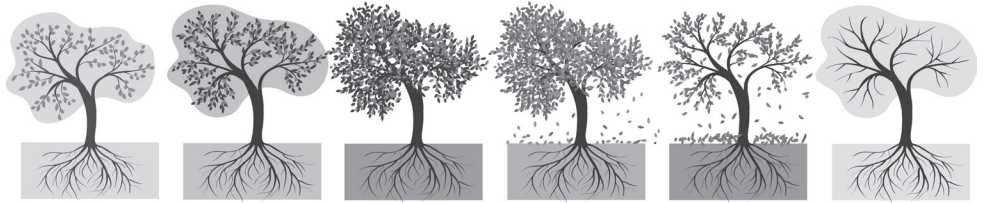


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Dr. Fred Carmosin
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Mayer Levine
Sara Fanny Levine
Janet Parker Lewin
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Fannie Goldenberg Lyon
Balbina Mann
Moritz Marcus
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The Seasons of Our Lives

Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to brownj@adathjeshurun.info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Information received by the first of the month will appear in the following month's issue. Please include your phone number.

Births

Ravi Ahav Monson, son of Ami (former AJ USY Director) and Manya (former AJ Youth Director) Monson and brother of Moshe
September 5, 2017

Zev Isaac Tavakoli, grandson of Susie Sommovilla
September 26, 2017

Marc Jacob Lieb, grandson Francine and Bruce Levin
November 9, 2017

Kai Alexander Cohen, grandson of Sheva Cohen and Dr. Marty Cohen z"l
November 25, 2017

Liam James McMonagle, grandson of Harris and Janet z"l Lewin and great-grandson of Penny Parker
November 26, 2017



Engagements

Jason Blumenfeld, son of Irene and Steve Blumenfeld, is engaged to Jill Perkins.



Simchas

Eliyahu Moshe Rubenstein, grandson of David and Sandy Axelrod, will become a Bar Mitzvah on January 13, 2018.



Deaths

Dr. Alfred E. Axelrod, brother of David (Sandy) Axelrod
October 25, 2017

Alexander Pollack, father of Michal (Brian) Leventhal
October 27, 2017

Charles "Chick" Kirschbaum, a former officer of AJ, and husband of Phyllis
October 27, 2017

Alvin Applebaum, husband of Rhea Applebaum and grandfather of Michael (Wakana) Spina
November 5, 2017

Charlotte Britchkow, wife of Saul Britchkow
November 10, 2017

Eli Zucker, husband of Nancy
November 10, 2017

Dr. Leonard Greenberg, husband of Grace
November 13, 2017

Brian Spiller, brother of Rena Weiss
November 16, 2017

Evelyn Berger, a member of the Board of Trustees
November 17, 2017

January Milestone Anniversaries

15 YEARS
• **Lionel Lieberman and Judy Featherman**
..... January 16, 2003

CORRECTION: In the November/December issue of the *AJ News*, we listed the wedding anniversary of **Stuart and Karen Wohl** as being their 25th anniversary; actually, it was their 40th anniversary! We apologize for the error.

Don't See Your Milestone Anniversary?

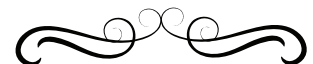
If we have missed your Milestone Anniversary this month, please call the office and provide us with your information for next year.



THANK YOU, DEAR FRIENDS,
for your many visits, cards,
calls, and donations
in memory of our husband,
father, and grandfather,
Charles "Chick" Kirschbaum.

Your condolences are deeply appreciated
and made us feel fortunate
to be remembered.

Phyllis Kirschbaum and Family



CORRECTION: In the November/December issue of the *AJ News*, we neglected to list the *yahrzeit* of Debra S. Strauss, which was 8 Tevet. We apologize for the omission.

Kol HaKavod to our October and November Torah and Haftarah Readers

<i>Roy Berliner</i>	<i>Judy Stutman Izes</i>
<i>Rabbi Sandi Berliner</i>	<i>Susan Novack</i>
<i>Deborah Seltzer Cohen</i>	<i>Lynne Poritsky</i>
<i>Miriam Decker</i>	<i>David Reibstein</i>
<i>Simmy Decker</i>	<i>Roz Schiller</i>
<i>Dr. Allan Freedman</i>	<i>Dr. Nathan Schnall</i>
<i>Robert Friedman</i>	<i>Gail Schwartz</i>
<i>Howard Gershman</i>	<i>Marcia Webber</i>
<i>Hazzan Howard Glantz</i>	<i>Leah Zebovitz</i>
<i>Mindy Goldstein</i>	<i>Richard Zeises</i>

Answers for crossword puzzle on page 4:

ACROSS	DOWN
3 Greek	1 Library
6 Mincha	2 Niggun
7 Strauss	4 OCJCBI
10 SPEC	5 Ashbourne
11 Klein	8 Kehillah
14 Braemer	9 Diamond
16 Masorti	12 SederAvodah
17 RudmanGallery	13 Scotty
19 Strings	15 Midnight
20 Kleinfife	18 German
21 Matriarchs	22 Israel
23 BTRA	
24 OrleansB	
25 Shabbat	

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Melrose Park, PA 19027

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Thursday, February 8 • 7:30 PM

Premium Seats	Rows C & D	\$36 + \$2.80 fee
Orchestra Seats	Rows E through K	\$22 + \$2.10 fee
Family Circle	Rows L through P	\$14 + \$1.60 fee

Saturday, February 10 • 8:00 PM

Premium Seats	Rows C & D	\$36 + \$2.80 fee
Orchestra Seats	Rows E through K	\$22 + \$2.10 fee
Family Circle	Rows L through P	\$14 + \$1.60 fee

Sunday, February 11 • 3:00 PM

Premium Seats	Rows C & D	\$36 + \$2.80 fee
Orchestra Seats	Rows E through K	\$22 + \$2.10 fee
Family Circle	Rows L through P	\$14 + \$1.60 fee

Snow Date: Monday, February 14, 7:30 PM
Tickets from any show will be honored that evening.

All seats reserved • No refunds or exchanges • Tickets cannot be billed to your synagogue account

Place your ad in our Playbill at bethsholomplayers.org or use the form below!

Covers (Inside Front, Inside Back, Outside Back) 7 1/2" x 4 3/4" \$750	Ante Up Full Page (White) 7 1/2" x 4 3/4" \$118
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Everyone is welcome to participate in musical and non-musical ways.

The schedule of meetings and rehearsals for shpiel are planned as follows:

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

Monday, February 12 6:00–7:00 PM For kids 15 and under
Monday, February 12 7:30 PM For adults 16 and over

REHEARSALS:

Wednesday, February 14 7:00 PM
Sunday, February 18 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 21 7:00 PM
Sunday, February 25 4:00 PM prop rehearsal
Monday, February 26 7:00 PM dress/prop rehearsal
Tuesday, February 27 7:00 PM please hold for any necessary run-throughs

AJers Come Out for Adult Ed!



LEFT TOP: Simcha Raphael, Director of the Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy, and Training, gave an illuminating lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 15, entitled "Moses' Death in Torah and Midrash: Sacred Stages of the Mystery of Dying." This was one of a six-part Adult Education lecture series, *L'chaim!: Jewish Wisdom for the End-of-Life Journey*.



LEFT BOTTOM: On Sunday, Nov. 19, AJ congregant Ossi Nussbaum explained the history and current composition of the Israeli Knesset in a clear, concise manner and entertained various questions about the workings of the state of Israel's law-making body. From left to right: Adult Education Co-chair Bernie Dishler, Ossi Nussbaum, Rabbi Kobrin, Adult Education Co-Chair Ed Moses.